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# In the news Man accused of firing at cops

A 23-year-old man fired at a group of police officers Sunday night in front of a public housing project in Harlem. As two NYPD officers approached a group of men just after 6 p.m., one of them, Frank Nunez, began hurriedly walking away. As the cops followed, Nunez turned and fired twice, police said. They returned fire, striking Nunez. He was transported to Harlem Hospital in stable condition and charged with assault. Neither officer was shot. METRO/CB

#### In the news

2.5

Subway riders were hit by trains on an average of every 2.5 days last year, according to a new report from the Daily News. According to MTA data, subway riders were hit 147 times in 2011, an increase from 128 riders the year before. The data did not elaborate on reasons why these individuals were hit, such as whether they jumped in front of trains, fell or were pushed. 🐠 METRO/AB

# Quinn: Boycott this McD's until it gets some security

▶ Residents say West Third Street McDonald's is the scene of too many crimes, and they're scared to go near there ▶ Want its 24-hour schedule restricted and more security guards on patrol ▶ Council Speaker calls for boycott till store hires off-duty cops, possibly even armed

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn yesterday told New Yorkers to stay away from the Greenwich Village McDonald's, encouraging a boycott until the chain amps up its security.

Quinn said she wants people to avoid the outpost at West Third Street and Sixth Avenue until McDonald's management hires security guards to patrol both inside and outside the store. She suggested hiring offduty NYPD officers, who can carry guns.

That fast-food chain location has been the setting of several recent crimes, from a gay man attacked outside the store last year to a store employee accused of fracturing a woman's skull with a metal rod in October.

Brad Hoylman, chair of Community Board 2, said the neighborhood police precinct will meet with the community tomorrow about the issue after meeting with McDonald's managers.

"It's a magnet for bad behavior," Hoylman said. "One neighbor this morning said he was reluctant to park his car in front of the McDonald's — and then of course that night, he said he saw video of somebody getting his head pushed into somebody else's car."

He might have been referring to a March 17 fight that ended with half a dozen men hitting each other against sev-



"I don't even want to step in there. This place draws violence. ... People come here for a cheeseburger, but they get blood."

JULIE WESTWOOD

eral cars outside the restaurant, pushing, shoving and holding each other down on the sidewalk.

Another idea, Hoylman said,

▶ A March 17 brawl outside the McDonald's was captured on YouTube and widely circulated online.

Another idea, Hoylman said, is asking the joint to cut back its 24-hour schedule.

McDonald's confirmed store owner Carmen Paulino is meeting with the NYPD soon. In a statement, Paulino said the store added security last summer. "The safety of my employees and customers will always be a priority," she said in a statement.

Quinn said that the store hired just one security person on Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and that the store needs more.



#### **History of violence**



The Village McDonald's has been the site of several crimes during the last year.

- On March 17, a St. Patrick's Day brawl occurred right outside the restaurant, with men punching and choking each other against cars on the street.
- 2 In October, a cashier was caught on video beating two women with a rod, slamming it down behind the counter over and over. One of the women reportedly had a fractured skull and arm, but the cashier was cleared of charges because a grand jury found he was acting in self-defense.
- A gay man was pummeled in front of the restaurant last March. Damian Furtch posted photos on Facebook of his swollen, purple eye and said he was attacked after someone shouted anti-gay slurs at him. A man was arrested but not charged with a hate crime.

# More rat infestations uptown, says city DOH

**UPTOWN.** Washington Heights and Inwood are the rattiest city areas, according to a new report. Data from the Department of Health recorded that Community Board 12, which encompasses those two neighborhoods, had the highest reported rate of rat infestation, according to DNAinfo.com.

The next worst for rat infestations is the East Village, acRat infestations were verified at 306 locations among 2,616 sites inspected in Inwood and Washington Heights.

cording to the Health Department. Murray Hill and Gramercy had the fewest rat problems. 

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# Jury: We're deadlocked in cop accused of rape

NEW YORK. A judge told the jury weighing whether a police officer raped a teacher to keep deliberating after they told him they were deadlocked on some issues. The jury in the case of Michael Pena, accused of raping a schoolteacher on her way to work on Aug. 19, told Judge Richard Carruthers that they were at an impasse

**3**Pena had been an NYPD officer for three years at the time of the alleged rape.

about the rape charges against him. They did say they reached a "unanimous" verdict on some of the charges, but not the most serious allegation of rape. 

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**Grading the SBS** 

Upper East Side Councilwoman Jessica Lappin gave

the SBS M15 an overall grade of a "B." Speed/Frequency: A Accessibility: C-Tickets/Ease of Use: D

The SBS M15 route runs be-

tween 126th Street in Harlem and South Ferry along First

and Second avenues and was

introduced in October 2010.

Enforcement: C

# The Select Bus Service blues

Riders say ticket machines are too often broken on popular First and Second Avenue express bus line
 MTA argues their machines work 98 percent of the time, but service still gets a 'D' in community survey

The pay-before-boarding bus system is already in use on Manhattan's East Side and elsewhere, and the MTA wants to expand it. Except there's one glaring problem: The ticket machines are often broken, riders say.

In a survey by Upper East Side Councilwoman Jessica Lappin, SBS M15 riders reported that what should be speedy service is marred by ticket machines that are often broken.

"While more East Siders are on board with Select Bus Service, my office constantly receives complaints about broken ticket machines," Lappin said. "The MTA needs to tell fare inspectors when machines are out, so riders aren't unfairly issued a \$100 summons."

Twenty percent of the 1,300 riders surveyed rated the ease of buying tickets as "poor" or "very poor." Nearly 26 percent of riders even said that SBS service has gotten worse since it was first implemented last year. Lappin's office even said that 20 respondents said they were issued \$100 summonses by MTA police while the ticket machines were broken.

The MTA says its data shows that the ticket machines work 98 percent of the



time.

Riders say otherwise.

"Half the time the machines don't work," said Staten Island mom Megan Izzo, 23, who rides the bus every day. "Often, only one will be working and there will be a long line and you'll miss the bus."

Izzo said sometimes, a bus

driver will let her get on if the machine is broken and tell her to get a receipt at the next stop.

"Sometimes they'll tell you to get off at the next stop, but I got off and the cops were waiting," she said. "Instead of letting me pay, they gave me a ticket."

M15 bus driver Kwabena Amponsah said that he often makes riders get off the bus to get tickets at a working machine

"They run and they rush, but we wait for them," he said.



#### Albany helps MTA fund capital projects

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and other legislative leaders finalized a deal Sunday that will fund the final three years of the MTA's cash-strapped capital plan.

The new plan will provide \$13.1 billion to the MTA's \$22.2 billion 2010-2014 capital program, which was only funded through the first two years and desperately needed a cash infusion.

The new money will help the MTA finish projects that are already under way and that riders are eager to see completed, such as the Second Avenue subway, the Fulton Street Transit Center, and East Side Access, which will bring the Long Island Rail Road to Grand Central.

Money will also go towards purchasing new subway and train cars and for station improvements.

The MTA said yesterday it is grateful a deal was reached, and they say the money will help pay for tens of thousands of jobs. 

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### More bus surveillance

NEW YORK. The MTA plans on buying security cameras for an additional 1,150 buses, the agency announced yesterday. The cameras capture video images and then upload them wirelessly to a server located in bus depots. The cameras are necessary for the safety of bus drivers and passengers alike, says the MTA. In 2008, bus driver Edwin Thomas was killed on the B46 after he refused to give a free transfer to a rider.



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# Port Authority vows to fine passengers who cause delays

Be careful the next time you get into a spat with a flight attendant before takeoff: The Port Authority announced yesterday it will start charging passengers who delay planes.

The new rule is effective immediately, said Port Authority spokesman Steve Coleman.

The policy would apply to people like Alec Baldwin, who officials said caused a December flight out of Los Angeles to be delayed when he refused to turn off his phone. Baldwin, who was engrossed in playing "Words with Friends," was

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Coleman noted.

Passengers who are so disruptive they cause planes to return to the gate can cost airlines

gers are the ones that don't turn off the cell phones,"

- Fighting with a flight attendant.
- Lighting a cigarette or refusing to put one out.
- Any kind of disruption with a flight attendant, such as not sitting down if a flight attendant tells you not to reach into the overhead bin.

thousands, Coleman told Metro.

"That causes significant delays for all the folks that are on the plane," he said. "It's also costly for the airplanes who are burning fuel needlessly."

About 400 such passengers were arrested last year at the three New York City airports, which the Port Authority owns, he said. The real number of problematic passengers could be twice that, Coleman said.

"We're very serious about correcting the problem," he

While he did not specify a fine amount, he said it would be in the thousands of dollars range.

The most common complaint? Passengers who refuse to turn off electronics and then argue with flight attendants, who then tell the pilot. A pilot can decide whether to return the plane to the gate and call police, Coleman said.







# Park Slope Food Coop to vote on issue of boycotting Israel food

Despite mounting criticism — even coming from Mayor Michael Bloomberg himself — the Park Slope Food Coop is still planning to hold a controversial vote this evening regarding a proposal to stop selling food items imported from Israel

Tonight's vote is actually to decide whether co-op members will hold a later referendum on the proposed boycott.

The sanction was proposed by Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS, a movement that supports a global boycott of Israeli products in solidarity with Palestinians.

At the food co-op, items

that would be affected include paprika, vegan marshmallows, olive pesto and produce, all imported from Israel.

The vote will be held during tonight's 7 o'clock meeting at Brooklyn Technical High School, which can seat 3,000 people in its auditorium. If there is enough support tonight, a referendum will be mailed out to the co-op's 16,000 members.

On Sunday, Bloomberg blasted the co-op's decision to hold the vote.

"These are businesses that should be run as businesses," Bloomberg said, according to the New York Post. "I certainly am adamantly opposed to boycotting Israeli products ... Israel is a very important ally of America."

And Public Advocate Bill de Blasio also came out strongly yesterday against the vote, calling it "inflammatory."

"Plain and simple — it's wrong," said de Blasio. "Our city, in particular, has always had a special relationship with Israel."

Liz Roberts, a supporter of banning the Israeli products, said people handing out leaflets have been cursed at, spit at and threatened, and that one was even hit last week. © CARLY BALDWIN



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# **New York priciest** place for weddings

Survey finds average cost of a Manhattan-area wedding more than \$65K • Chicago comes in second • For the first time since 2008, budgets on the rise

New York, where the average cost of a wedding is \$65,824, is the most expensive city in the United States to get married.

Most things in Manhattan and the New York metropolitan area are expensive and weddings are no exception, according to nuptial websites The-Knot.com and WeddingChannel.com, which polled nearly 18,000 U.S. brides who were married in 2011 about the cost of their big day.

Chicago came in second with wedding costs of \$53,069. New Jersey and Rhode Island were included in the top five.

Nationally, the average cost of a wedding is \$27,000, the survey found, and that doesn't

"It probably has to do with attitudes toward economic recovery." WINIKKA

include the cost of the honey-

The state of West Virginia. where nuptials cost an average of \$14,203, was the least expensive wedding location, according to the poll of 20 U.S. cities. "For the first time since

2008, wedding budgets are on the rise," said Carley Roney, cofounder of The Knot. "In 2011, 1 in 5 U.S. couples spent more than \$30,000, and 11 percent spent more than \$40,000 on their weddings."

Anja Winikka, the site editor of TheKnot.com, said the economy could be playing a part in the rising price tags of weddings.

"It probably has to do with attitudes toward economic recovery," she said.

The venue usually accounts for 50 percent of the budget and the average cost per guest is \$196, according to Winikka.

She added that 75 percent of couples contribute to the cost of their wedding, as opposed to having the entire affair paid for by parents, for example. The average fee for the wedding planner was \$1,753.

#### How 'normal'

#### is your big day?

- The average age of brides nationwide is 29.
- Women paid about \$1,100 for their wedding dress.
- Couples on average invited about 140 guests to celebrate
- Brides range between having four to five bridesmaids.
- The average length of an engagement is about 14 months, according to the
- Although June is traditionally thought of as the best month for weddings, September is actually the most popular time for nuptials. Blue, purple and green are the top
- Hawaiians tend to have the most casual weddings, while couples in Long Island and New York are most likely to opt for the most formal.



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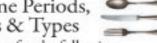
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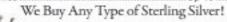


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Slow news season?

We've officially reached that time in the 2012 presidential campaign when the most interesting story of the day either involves the president being overheard saying something obvious but gaffeish to a Russian head of state, or the release of a mysterious video from failed Republican candidate Herman Cain that includes a rabbit being shot to bits and a creepy girl asking whether anyone is confused.

With nothing substantial to discuss, we therefore succumb instead to the insubstantial.

First up: Obama and the hot mic. The president was over-

heard telling Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday that he needed "space" and "time" to get to a missile defense system that has been bedeviling relations between the two countries for some time.

"On all these issues, but particularly missile defense, this, this can be solved but it's important for him [Putin] to give me space," Obama said. "This is my last election. After my election I have more flexibility."

Many people — overwhelmingly on one side of the aisle, but then, that's the way these things go — are disturbed that a U.S. president would use practical considerations in determining the timing of legislative focus. Some have ratcheted up the rhetoric even higher to allege that Obama is



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merely waiting for term two to unleash his master plans for America's destruction.

But is anyone really surprised to learn that presidents hold secret discussions with other world leaders, or that they weigh policy goals with political realities? It seems Obama has waded into a similar puddle as a Romney adviser did last week, when he gave voice to another political truism: that politicians tack to the center in a general election. (For what it's worth, we also deemed Etch-a-Sketch-gate unworthy of our attention, and not only because we're sick to tears of the "-gate" construction.)

Oh, and Herman Cain? Yeah, don't worry about him.

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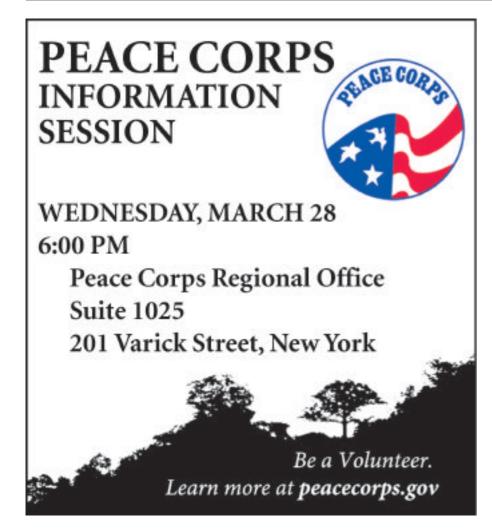
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# When the military meets the quad

New book 'Arms and the University' traces the ROTC's rocky history on college campuses

Why the authors welcome the program's return to elite schools



Over the last few years, ROTC programs have begun to return to elite universities including Harvard, Columbia, Stanford and Yale. It's the latest development in a century-long struggle between university and military culture in the United States.

Next month, Cambridge University Press will release the first comprehensive analysis of this fraught, ever-evolving relationship: "Arms and the University: Military Presence and the Civic Education of Non-Military Students," by Donald Alexander Downs and Ilia Murtazashvili.

In 14 chapters, the book traces ROTC history from the program's meager beginnings in 1916 to its banishment from campuses in the '60s and from

the "don't ask, don't tell" controversy to ROTC's return to the Ivy League. Along the way, Downs and Murtazashvili argue for a more substantive military presence on all U.S. campuses.

"It's not a left-right issue in the end. Bringing the ROTC back was originally kind of a right-wing issue, led by conservative groups on campus," says Downs, a professor of political

#### Closing the gap

After authoring "Arms and the University," Downs is pleased to see ROTC programs returning to revered institutions — but dismayed by the growing gap between privileged universities and the military.

"America has the most prominent position in the world, and the military helps secure that. There's just something wrong when members of the elite don't contribute in a direct way to that, because they're the ones that get the most privilege out of the system," he says.

science, law and journalism at the University of Wisconsin. "But after 9/11, people on the left started agreeing that there is something to this argument of equal recognition for military students — civic equality, and broadening the university's mind to this reality."



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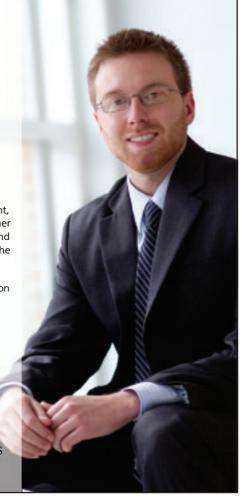
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#### The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Drake has his eye on an older woman, Russell Crowe isn't impressed with modern cars, Kelly Osbourne is having dog problems, and Sarah Silverman is working for change.

A Drake: Natasha McElhone I know you don't have twitter cause you are a mature British goddess...but I love you.

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Acura plough in to the back of a beautiful Beauford today,Acura smashed,not a scratch on the real steel car

A MissKellyO: sid keeps throwing up he has been to the vet 3 times and its still happening I'm starting to get worried i think my dog is puppy-rexic!

#### @SarahKSilverman:

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# THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **▶ @dorothyatmetro ■ dorothy.robinson@metro.us** 

# Jenna Talackova removed from Miss Universe Canada for being transgender

Is the world ready for a transgender Miss Universe contestant?

The quick answer to this is: No.

The longer explanation has to do with beauty pageant contestant **Jenna Talackova**, 23, who made it to the finals in the Miss Vancouver pageant, but was ultimately ruled ineligible due to her being biologically male. The 6-foot-1-inch stunner did well — and even made it to the finals — but was disqualified after organizers learned she wasn't a naturally born female, according to CTV News.

"Jenna Talackova from Vancouver, British Columbia, will not compete in the 2012 Miss Universe Canada competition because she did not meet the requirements to compete despite having stated otherwise on her entry form," Miss Universe Canada organizers said in a statement. "We do, however, respect her goals, determination and wish her the best."

According to CTV News, Talackova started hormone therapy at 14 and had gender reassignment surgery at 19.



Talackova is claiming discrimination, which Miss Universe Canada national director Denis Davila refutes, telling CTV News, "There is no discrimination here at all. You can look at it the way she wants to look at it ... but we all have to follow the same rules."

Miss Universe Canada says that Talackova indicated on her registration form that she was born a female but later admitted that she was born a male.

Here's the thing: Whether you are applying for a job at Arby's or as a beauty pageant contestant in Canada, you can't lie on your application form.

I can see where this is tricky. Women already earn, on average, 23 percent less than men. Sadly, pageants are one constant where we can compete on a level playing field. A playing field where we compete in high heels and fake eyelashes, but a fair one nonetheless. Then again, she doesn't look like she had any less work done than the rest of Miss Universe contestants, so what's the big deal?



## Del Rey's new beau?

Rumors are swirling that new singing sensation Lana del Rey is dating Marilyn Manson, according to Hollyscoop. The pair first turned heads when they were spotted "sneaking into an elevator" in Berlin earlier this month, and since then they've reportedly been spending a lot of time together — like grabbing dinner before del Rev's performance at the Echo Awards. After the show, del Rey and Manson left together in a van.

There are three things I will never understand in life: the world's fascination with someone as boring as **Kim Kardashian**, people who don't like books, and how Marilyn Manson gets women. Can someone explain this to me?

#### Talking points

#### Witherspoon talks womb with kids

Before getting pregnant, **Reese Witherspoon** reportedly ran the idea by Ava, 12, and Deacon, 8, the two children she already has, according to People magazine. "All along, Reese has been very open with her kids about her plans to expand the family," a source

says. "Especially [because] Ava is at a sensitive age, Reese always makes sure to consult with her. She is very respectful of Ava's feelings."

#### Fox and Green are sued

Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green are being sued by a photographer over an alleged altercation in Hawaii last December, according to TMZ. Delbert Shaw claims he was attacked by Green after being spotted snapping pictures of



the couple on the beach near the Four Seasons Resort in Hualalai, with Fox egging her husband on, saying, "Are you going to let him get away with that?" Shaw says Green proceeded to beat him before throwing his iPhone into the

#### Lohan's continuing legal problems

Lindsay Lohan's recent alleged run-in with a man outside a Hollywood club might still cause some headaches for the troubled actress. Thaer Kamal claims Lohan struck him with her car and fled the scene, and he's even gone so far as to hire high-priced attorney Mark **Geragos** to prove it, according to TMZ. Geragos reportedly contacted Lohan's lawyer claiming to have video evidence of Lohan hitting Kamal, then switching places with her passenger. Kamal reportedly told witnesses he wasn't injured but then decided to go to the hospital when he learned that Lohan had been in the car.

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#### A little celebrity fun overseas and in **Los Angeles**

1. Nicole Scherzinger of the Pussycat Dolls attended the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix at the Sepang Circuit on Sunday in Malaysia.

2. Helena Bonham Carter and her matching boyfriend **Tim Burton** 

arrived at the Jameson Empire Awards — which is kind of like a People's Choice Awards but for British people — on Sunday in London.

3. Gerard Butler caught the game between the Memphis Grizzlies and the Los Angeles Lakers at the Staples Center on Sunday.

4. Singer/songwriter Feist performed at Royal Albert Hall on Sunday in London.



6. Matthew Morrison (his hair really is fantastic) was spotted by the paparazzi outside of BBC Radio One yesterday in London.

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# Carpe-ing the Clien

O In 'How to Piss In Public,' Vice magazine co-founder memorializes four decades of cringe-worthy decadence and makes sure 'urine' for a wild ride

Interviewing a guy like Gavin McInnes after reading a memoir like his "How to Piss in Public" comes across as a sort of inside-out St.-Peter-at-the-Pearly-Gates scenario. Having just been privy to 250-plus pages of ragers, fights, chases, cons and a whole lot of detailed sex, the accused stands before you to earnestly reassure that everything you just read was an absolutely true, if somewhat abbreviated, recounting of a rogue's life. The ordained "Godfather of Hipsters," McInnes has been at turns a rock star, a magazine mogul, a viral video entrepreneur, a botfly babysitter, a tundra foreman and, more recently, a daddy. Now, he adds

#### McInnes's life lessons for his son

I would hope that he pick up on the entrepreneurial stuff," says McInnes when asked what he hoped his son might gain from (someday) reading his memoir. "When you compare yourself to yourself, you're a loser — but when you compare you self to others, you're unstoppable."

author to his docket. Metro talks to the man who somehow survived his own stories.

#### How do you feel having all of this put down in a book?

I feel pretty good about it. The great thing about, you know, working so hard on something like that is when people say it sucks, you just go, "Oh, well." I've got a lot of sort of prudish, PC people saying it was disgusting and too outrageous, and the beauty of an autobiography is that you can go "Uh, sorry ... that happened!" ... and I can't change that.

#### If you go: FTW

#### **Comedy tour**

McInnes is fresh off a string of readings that he was filming for his website. Beforehand, he told us a little about what he had planned:

- "For the tour, the Boston show will be about Boston stories, so they'll get fight stories," he claimed. "The Montreal show will get Montreal stories, so I'll tell sex stories. The tour will correspond with the town."
- Check out www.howto pissinpublic.com to see the mayhem for yourself.

# The stories are pretty wild. At one point, you even offer \$1,000 to anyone who can back up claims that anything you said in the book is fabricated.

James Frye and all those guys ruined memoir a bit because they lied, so, I don't want you to be reading with one eyebrow cocked going, "Yeah, right." **Did factors like that make** 

Did factors like that make memoir a challenging medium?
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There's a rut with memoirs. A temptation. You're tempted to indulge yourself and set the record straight on things. You know, Lenny Bruce was obsessed with that. You want to get defensive. But I just cut that out, because I'm not here to sell myself or defend myself. I just have to tell the story and keep it funny.

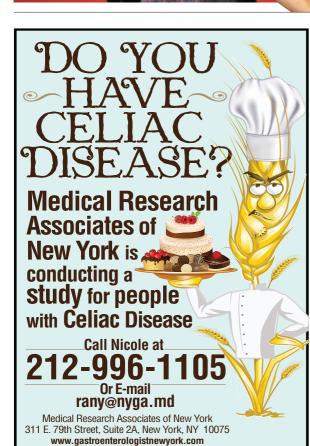
#### How would you sum up the book?

Well, I went out to make a funny book, it was for maximum laughs, and I realized later it was an inspirational instruction how-to guide on carpe-ing









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#### TV watch list 'Body of Proof'

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DRAMA. Luke Perry guest stars as a doctor from the CDC who butts heads with medical examiner Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) when a bioterrorist unleashes a deadly virus in Philly. Anyone else hoping it's the same virus that hit the good folks over on "The Walking Dead"? Prime time could use more zombies now that the scary AMC drama is on hiatus, no? 10:01 p.m., ABC

#### 'Best Ink'

**REALITY.** More permanent than the calories in a Quickfire Challenge, tattoos are the skill judged in this competition that borrows its format from "Top Chef." Series premiere, 10 p.m., Oxygen

#### '16 and Pregnant'

REALITY. More babies - including a cheerleader and a girl with big college plans are having babies. Season premiere, 10 p.m., MTV AMBER RAY



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# rug caution

f your child has asthma, you may want to avoid giv-ing him acetaminophen (which has many brand names, including Tylenol). Taking the medicine could actually increase the chance of asthma symptoms, according to a recent Pediatrics article.

An increasing body of research suggests that acetamino-phen reduces the body's level of glutathione (a molecule that helps decrease inflammation in the bronchial tubes), causing irritation for kids who have sensitive lungs. This may lead to wheezing, coughing or short-ness of breath, says John T.

McBride, M.D., author of the article and a pediatrician at Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio

While more research needs to be done, Dr. McBride says there's enough evidence for parents to consider giving a child with asthma or a family history of the disease ibuprofen — which commonly goes by Advil — instead (which is safe for babies 6 months and older). "Until we have more information, it doesn't make sense to take the chance that it might up the risk of a child developing asthma or worsen symptoms." RACHEL MORRIS

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#### We are all Trayvon? Mixed bag on crime

RE: "TRAYVON MARTIN: JUSTICE SERVED?": To Mr. Dupont's ranting from the bubble: Trayvon Martin was a real per son, shot with a real bullet, who is now really dead. SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Law enforcement personnel are trained not to use excessive force. The average person cannot be held to such a standard as she/he is not officially trained and obligated to "properly" deter a crime; ordinary citizens have the right to protect themselves. **LUCY MARTINEZ, NEW YORK** 

The Trayvon Martin tragedy is an American tragedy because we all lose. This shouldn't be a black or white issue; it's an American issue. Young innocent children and

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adults are being wounded and injured by gun-wielding knuckleheads everyday. Where is the outcry for all those other innocent lives? Let's not be hypocrites! JAMES M. HAWKINS, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Dupont, no white person living today is responsible for racism! But history has what is called "consequences." No action is without consequences. When you run a red light, there's a bill that must be paid. TONY D. KING, VIA E-MAIL

In response to Mr. DuPont's statement about the "Black Panthers intimidating whites at voting booths" — that was not, in fact, the case. That tactic was employed by a different group incorrectly associated with the Black Panthers. And though I am not a member of either

group, I am a proud African-American woman who can't stand by allowing blame to be placed on a group when the action was clearly not their own. Check your facts! FELECIA MYERS, VIA E-MAIL

While I agree that discussion of the Martin shooting shouldn't be limited to race, Dupont should've quit there. Instead he cites the "Black Panthers intimidating white voters" story, established as more fiction than fact. Let's not fool ourselves: We all have prejudices of some kind. We need to keep those from dictating our interactions and discussions. JOSEPH CONNELL, BROOKLYN

I was raised among prejudice. In my lifetime, I've experienced race riots, been called degrading racial names and much worse. I am black. Yet I am very educated, I speak and write Japanese, have many friends of almost every ethnic background, pronounce English almost as perfectly as you and enjoy life, culture, nature and architecture. Was I given the chance to show I am no threat?

#### Can't blame GOP for everything, can we?

RE: "WILL HEALTH CARE SURVIVE **COURT DECISION?":** Mr. Simms blames Republicans for almost anything and everything. Now he blames the Bush administration for putting us in debt! But Obama can't do anything wrong. Obama only doubled our total debt in the first two years; it took Bush all eight years to up the debt by a trillion. Now he blames the Republican party for health care. Romney did it in Massachusetts, but he is not the whole Republican party. Brayden is a shill for the Obama administration and not a political analyst. IGOR MANNIKUS, NEW IERSEY

#### Horoscope

**T** Aries **March 21-April 19**. Although your fertile imagination will supply you with many brilliant ideas, unless you implement at least some of them they'll be of little value.

➤ Taurus April 20-May 20. A betterthan-usual day in terms of your finances is not a signal to loosen up the purse strings, especially if you do so to gratify a stray whim.

II Gemini May 21-June 20. As long as you don't allow negative inclinations to weaken your resolve, you should be able to successfully promote a promising idea. Remain positive throughout the day.

Gancer June 21-July 22. Although conditions for personal acquisition look good, you need to be smart about how you handle your newfound wealth. If you go on a spending spree, all that you gained will slip away rapidly.

**117** Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is nothing wrong with fulfilling your ambitious aspirations, but only if you don't do so at the expense of others. If it is, you may lose more than you gain.

≃ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. In order to get your points across, you should try not to be coy or circuitous when explaining them. The best way to state your case is in an enthusiastic, direct manner.

 $\mathfrak{M}$  Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The ability to improve upon some basic ideas of others is one of your better assets. If and when your schemes work out well, make sure you get some of the credit.

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If a partnership is to work out well, both you and your cohort must be in total agreement — down to the last detail. When you are, it will be a slam dunk.

V Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. You have what it takes to accomplish a lot — but remember, you still have your limitations. Establish reasonable objectives that you can complete.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. In order to maintain a smooth relationship with a valued friend, do not intentionally or even accidentally pry into personal matters he or she wishes to keep secret.

→ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. When it comes to your work or something you're tying to accomplish, much productivity can be achieved through consistency and tenacity. Do not involve yourself in what you can't finish. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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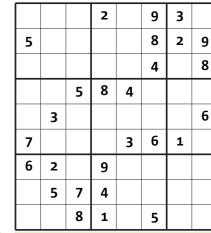
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# In the news Robinson voted unanimous AP All-American

Kansas power forward **Thomas Robinson was** named a unanimous selection to the AP All-**America First Team yes**terday. He is the first unanimous selection since Blake Griffin in 2009. The other four players named to the team were Jared Sullinger (Ohio State), **Anthony Davis** (Kentucky), Draymond Green (Michigan State) and Doug McDermott (Creighton). METRO

#### In the news



Nose jobbed Carlos Beltran will be paying through the nose. Well, for the

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Beltran told former
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Niese that the pitcher
should get a nose job
and that if he did, Beltran would even pay
for it. This offseason,
Niese had the work
done, ostensibly to
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breathing, and
Beltran has now
ponied up the \$10,000
after some delay.

▶ Tim Tebow is thrown to the media pack in introductory press conference
 ▶ No surprise, he comes out smiling ▶ Says he looks forward to playing with Sanchez



he Jets unveiled Tim Tebow to the New York media on yesterday af ternoon in what was perhaps the first-ever press conference to introduce a backup quarterback.

Not surprisingly, Tebow said all the right things.

He talked about wanting to be the perfect teammate and said he wanted to do his part to win football games, no matter what his role with his new team might be.

"I'm looking forward to my time in New York; my time as a Jet. I'm so honored and humbled to be a Jet. I'm so thankful that they wanted me," Tebow

#### **Bonus picks**

The Jets received good news about the draft yesterday. They were awarded four compensation picks:

They received two sixthround picks (202 and 203 overall) and two seventhrounders (242 and 244). said. "So excited about meeting my teammates; I've had the pleasure to meet quite a few already."

But no matter what Tebow's impact on the field might be, his impact off the field is what will matter the most to the Jets. His press conference drew 33 television cameras and a press contingent that totaled roughly 200. For a player as popular as Tebow, perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise that within minutes of the trade being made official, his jerseys were on sale on the team's website.

Tebow wasn't as worried about the dollars and cents of the trade as trying to make sense of what his new role with the team will be.

"My goal is to go out there and try and execute and try to do as well as I possibly can," Tebow said. "Improve every single day and really get comfortable with my role and expand my role my going out there and competing well."

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"I think that
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TIM TEBOW, ON HIS ROLE

# Sanchez completely on board with Tebow



hree years in the league and with two AFC championship game appearances under his belt, it seemed like Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez had earned the confidence of the coaching staff with a contract extension two weeks ago.

Then came last week

when the Jets shockingly sent draft picks to Denver in order to obtain Tim Tebow.

"Anytime we add a player to our team that can help us win, I'm on board and let's sign him up. Whether it's a draft player or a free agent or a trade," Sanchez said during a conference call yesterday five hours after Tebow was introduced to the media.

"As a quarterback I'm judged by getting wins for this team. If Tim's going to help us get wins then I'm excited about that."

Wins may come, but a team that was once Sanchez's is now one he will share with Tebow.

"I'm the same guy that won a lot of big games here," Sanchez said. "I'm not worried about losing my spot." METRO/KD





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# Stoudemire to miss time with bulging disk

Just when the Knicks were hitting their stride with new coach Mike Woodson the team has been hit with what could be a devastating injury.

Starting power forward Amar'e Stoudemire had an MRI yesterday after feeling discomfort in his back and has been diagnosed with a bulging disk in his lower back. Woodson said Stoudemire will not need surgery, but will be out "indefinitely."

Stoudemire is seeking a second opinion from a Miami doctor.

"Hopefully the second opinion is something. Since he was out all [last] summer rehabbing it and getting treatment on it. I'm hoping it's nothing too serious at this point," Carmelo Anthony said before last night's game

The team is already without fellow post player Jared Jeffries.

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# 'Melo steps up in win

New York responds to Amar'e injury with crucial win
Anthony steps up
Shumpert with big three, steal



The Knicks could've used the absences of both Amar'e Stoudemire and Jeremy Lin as reasons to fold in last night's pivotal game, but instead they showed their grit in an 89-80 win over the hard-charging Bucks

The Knicks started hot, hit a second-quarter slump and

then showed some mettle in overcoming the Bucks in the second half.

Carmelo Anthony led the way with 28 points and a team-high 12 rebounds, while Baron Davis added 13 points and seven assists. Stoudemire, who could be out for an extended period of time with a

bulging disk, didn't even dress.

The game was all-important, as the Knicks continue to hold onto the eighth and final playoff spot by a thread over the Bucks.



# What went right ...

Despite the starting lineup and rotation being a mishmash of talent thanks to injuries, the Knicks flexed their newfound intensity and bottled up the Bucks' high-scoring offense.

Done-leavy — Other than Mike Dunleavy Jr., the Knicks held all other Milwaukee scorers in check. Dunleavy had 26 points, including 14 in the first quarter, but he was the only Bucks player to have an offensive impact. Dunleavy didn't do much in the second half, however.

Fill it up — Anthony finally seemed to shake his offensive doldrums as he tallied a team-high 28 points on 8-of-20 shooting. Anthony, who has struggled with his shot for most of the year, took control of the Knicks' offense when they needed it most.

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# A Parcells comeback?

Suspended Saints coach Sean Payton has reached out to former Giants, Jets head coach • Legendary coach says he hasn't discussed taking job

Sean Payton has approached his mentor, Bill Parcells, about coaching the Saints this season, ESPN reported Monday.

Payton was suspended last week for the entire 2012-2013 season in response to the discovery of his team's defense placing bounties on opposing players to knock them out of games — a program run by his defensive coordinator Gregg Williams.

The AP is reporting that while Payton has spoken to Parcells, the subject matter hasn't been directly regarding taking over head coaching duties in New Orleans. Parcells said the conversations have been about how to handle having to sit out the season.

Parcells, who last coached in 2006 for the Cowboys, was one of Payton's greatest influences as a head coach. He worked for Parcells as his assistant head coach for two sea-



sons in Dallas before taking the head coaching job with New Orleans. Parcells was the head coach of the Giants, Patriots and Jets as well.

Parcells is 70 years old, and

would be 71 when the season started, but the position would only be for the current season, before Payton took back over after the suspension ends April 1, 2013. METRO

#### Parcells résumé

While Bill Parcells narrowly missed out on being named to the Hall of Fame in this, his first season eligible, he has the credentials.

- **Two Super Bowl titles** Parcells won Super Bowl XXV and Super Bowl XXI, both with the Giants.
- AP Coach of the Year He won the Associated Press Coach of the Year award twice (1986, 1994)
- All-Decade team When the Pro Football Hall of Fame named their 1990s All-Decade team, Parcells was the first team coach.
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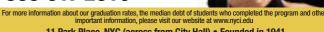
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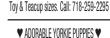
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